

**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2021 7pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Midge Werner called the Bingham Township Board Meeting to order on Monday, July 19, 2021, a zoom meeting.

**2. ROLL CALL- QUORUM PRESENT**

Present: Midge Werner, Kathy Morio, Sandra Grant, Todd Stone, Jeff Layman

Absent and excused: None

Staff Present: Recording Secretary, Marge Johnson; Steve Patmore, Zon. Admin

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Midge Werner/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to approve the July 17, 2021 Agenda as amended; motion passed.*

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. June 21, 2021**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the June 21, 2021 Minutes, motion passed.*

**b. June 30, 2021**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to approve the June 30, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, motion passed.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Networks Northwest Master Plan Contract**

*Jeff Layman/moved, Sandra Grant/supported, to authorize Midge Werner, Supervisor, to sign the Contractual Agreement between Bingham Township and Networks Northwest. Roll call vote: Jeff Layman, Sandra Grant, Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner. No: None. Motion passed.*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **10. Committee, Staff and Officer Reports**

### **a. Parks & Recreation -**

Todd Stone said the Parks & Recreation Committee is requesting that the Township Board address some issues related to the parks. It is being requested that the Road Commission be contacted to install a public boat launch sign to address the issue of people launching jet skis and ski boats at the end of Boughey Park which is not allowed.

Midge Werner said the Road Commission Manager suggests that wording on the existing Bingham Road sign be added that "the DNR launch site is down the road".

Dan Rose, committee member, submitted a Resolution for the Township Board's approval.

***Todd Stone/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to adopt Resolution 20210719.1 seeking public boat launch signage as proposed in this document. Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None. Motion passed.***

Discussion was held about amending the Parks Ordinance to address the issue of how to deal with property left in the parks overnight, basically abandoned and left unintended and other issues regarding the use of public lakes.

Dan Rose submitted proposed language to amend the Parks Ordinance. He referred to the Traverse City Ordinance which addresses how to handle abandoned property. Dan Rose also referred to research he had done on the issues.

Midge Werner said she has contacted the Township's insurance company and its Attorney, who are looking into whether life buoys can be put out in lakes in the township and adjacent waters, what can and cannot be regulated. Midge Werner said at this time she thinks the township should not take any action until it gets an answer from the insurance company and its attorney.

Todd Stone said he finds adjacent waters very vague. It is not stated clearly enough to determine if the township should adopt an amendment to the ordinance. The township should wait to hear from the attorney as to what the township can and cannot regulate.

***Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to hold off on accepting the amendment to the ordinance at this time, and have the insurance company's***

*attorney look at the wording that discusses how far out adjacent waters can be defined, and if the amendment can state what the violation is and how it is addressed, allowing Midge Werner to determine if Dan Rose, member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, should be allowed to give the insurance company's attorney more background information on the proposed amendment, motion passed.*

**b. Buildings and Grounds - No report.**

Township looking for a builder to replace some wood in the corner of the township hall.

**c. Cemetery Committee - Maple Grove Cemetery - north and south driveways are washing out. The township has a bid from Kal Excavating to repair the driveway at an estimated cost of \$1,200. The archway needs to be repaired, welding will be done so it won't collapse.**

*Kathy Morio/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to allow Midge Werner to move forward with driveway repair at Maple Grove Cemetery, motion passed.*

**d. Zoning Administrator/STR Administrator**

Steve Patmore submitted his written report. Short term rentals - up to 63.

**e. Planning Commission - PDM applying to make some improvements. Thank you to Sandra Grant for mailing out the notice regarding the master plan and the tax bills.**

**f. Fire Authority**

Documents e-mailed to township board.

**g. Assessor's Quarterly Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/to accept the Assessor's Quarterly Report (April thru June 2021), motion passed.*

**h. Treasurer**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to approve the changes on both the budget number updates and the year-end 2021 account no. corrections for the adjustments (Budget approved at June 21, 2021 Meeting, Fire Authority per diem 725.704 and Parks per diem 755.704 adjustments. Board of Review instead of Clerk- making corrections, no monetary changes, just precise account numbers), motion passed.*

Sandra Grant reported that on July 4, 2021 there was an overflow of vehicle and boat trailers parked on both sides of Bingham Road near S Lake Leelanau Drive. Sandra Grant suggests

that parking be allowed only on one side of Bingham Road. Midge Werner recommends the DNR be asked to look at the site.

**i. Trustee -** No report.

**j. Clerk -**

Vendor Balance of \$7,955.22 and Payroll of \$9,468.77 submitted for approval.

*Sandra Grant/moved to approve the Vendor Balance of \$7,955.22 and Payroll of \$9,468.77, Midge Werner/supported, motion passed.*

Kathy Morio stated the current pay rates for the fiscal year.

**k. Supervisor**

**i. Lee Point Road Possible Drainage District Update**

Midge Werner said everything is on hold until it is determined what the problem is with the culvert on Lee Point Road, waiting for the culvert to be scoped.

The following township residents spoke about the Lee Point Road Culvert.

Marie Mayer, Warren Hutchinson, Susan Darnold, David Almeter,  
Tom Fleming, Todd Stone, Janet Rorick, Neil Englehart, Duane Caliber

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Midge Werner adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

**Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary**  
**Kathy Morio, Township Clerk**





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